

# Quick Picks for Teens Who Think They Don't Like to Read

## **Me and Earl and the Dying Girl**

by Jesse Andrews (YA Andrews)

Seventeen-year-old Greg has managed to become part of every social group at his Pittsburgh high school without having any friends, but his life changes when his mother forces him to befriend Rachel, a girl he once knew in Hebrew school who has leukemia. (Grades 9+)

## **Thirteen Reasons Why**

by Jay Asher (YA Asher)

When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death. (Grades 7+)

## **The Raft**

by SA Bodeen (YA Bodeen)

Robbie's last-minute flight to the Midway Atoll proves to be a nightmare when the plane goes down in shark-infested waters, but the real terror begins when the co-pilot Max pulls her onto the raft. (Grades 6+)

## **Black Rabbit Summer**

by Kevin Brooks (YA Brooks)

When two of sixteen-year-old Pete's childhood classmates disappear from a carnival the same night, he is a suspect, but his own investigation implicates other old friends he was with that evening--and a tough, knife-wielding enemy determined to keep him quiet. (Grades 9+)

## **The Perks of Being a Wallflower**

by Stephen Chbosky (YA Chbosky)

A series of letters to an unknown correspondent reveals the coming-of-age trials of a high-schooler named Charlie. (Grades 9+)

## **The Hunger Games [Trilogy]**

by Suzanne Collins (YA Collins)

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place. (Grades 7+)

## **Matched [Trilogy]**

by Ally Condie (YA Condie)

Cassia has always trusted the Society to make the right choices for her, so when Xander appears on-screen at her Matching ceremony, Cassia knows he is her ideal mate--until Ky Markham's face appears for an instant before the screen fades to black. (Grades 7+)

## **The Maze Runner [Series]**

by James Dashner (YA Dashner)

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape. (Grades 6-10)

## **The Body Finder [Series]**

by Kimberly Derting (YA Derting)

High school junior Violet uses her uncanny ability to sense murderers and their victims to try to stop a serial killer who is terrorizing her town, and although her best friend and would-be boyfriend Jay promises to keep her safe, she becomes a target. (Grades 9+)

## **Just Listen**

by Sarah Dessen (YA Dessen)

Isolated from friends who believe the worst because she has not been truthful with them, sixteen-year-old Annabel finds an ally in classmate Owen, whose honesty and passion for music help her to face and share what really happened at the end-of-the-year party that changed her life. (Grades 9+)

## **Dark Song**

by Gale Giles (YA Giles)

After her father loses his job and she finds out that her parents have lied to her, fifteen-year-old Ames feels betrayed enough to become involved with a criminal who will stop at nothing to get what he wants. (Grades 8-11)

## **Among the Hidden [Series]**

by Margaret Peterson Haddix (YA Haddix)

Shadow Children Series. A government decree allows each family only two children. For Luke, a third child, this has meant a lifetime of hiding. But could a stray glimpse of a child hiding in the house across the way lead to freedom? (Grades 6-8)

## **The Night She Disappeared**

by April Henry (YA Henry)

Told from various viewpoints, Gabie and Drew set out to prove that their missing co-worker Kayla is not dead, and to find her before she is, while the police search for her body and the man who abducted her. (Grades 8+)

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## **Diary of a Wimpy Kid [Series]**

by Jeff Kinney (YA Kinney)

Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship. (Grades 6-8)

## **Monument 14**

by Emmy Laybourne (YA Laybourne)

When a group of kids trapped together in a chain superstore build a refuge for themselves inside, outside, a series of disasters from a monster hailstorm to a chemical weapons spill, seems to be tearing the world apart. (Grades 9+)

## **I Hunt Killers [Series]**

by Barry Lyga (YA Lyga)

Seventeen-year-old Jazz learned all about being a serial killer from his notorious "Dear Old Dad," but believes he has a conscience that will help fight his own urges and right some of his father's wrongs, so he secretly helps the police apprehend the town's newest murderer, "The Impressionist." (Grades 9+)

## **Ten**

by Gretchen McNeil (YA McNeil)

Ten teens head to a house party at a remote island mansion off the Washington coast...only for them to be picked off by a killer one by one. (Grades 9+)

## **Trapped**

by Michael Northrop (YA Northrop)

Seven high school students are stranded at their New England high school during a week-long blizzard that shuts down the power and heat, freezes the pipes, and leaves them wondering if they will survive. (Grades 7-10)

## **The Angel Experiment [Series]**

by James Patterson (YA Patterson)

Maximum Ride Series. After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose. (Grades 7+)

## **I Will Save You**

by Matt de la Peña (YA Peña)

Seventeen-year-old Kidd Ellison runs away to work for the summer at a beach campsite in California where his hard work and good looks lead to friendship and love but painful past memories surface in menacing ways. (Grades 9+)

## **The Lost Hero [Series]**

by Rick Riordan (YA Riordan)

Heroes of Olympus Series. Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for "bad kids," find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself. (Grades 6-8)

## **The Pregnancy Project: A Memoir**

by Gaby Rodriguez (NF 306.8743 ROD)

A high school senior chose, as a school project, to fake a pregnancy as a high school senior to see how her family, friends, and community would react. (Grades 9+)

## **Eleanor & Park**

by Rainbow Rowell (YA Rowell)

Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try. (Grades 9+)

## **Zom-B [Series]**

by Darren Shan (YA Shan)

B wonders about a zombie outbreak in Ireland and finds himself struggling for survival while forging precarious alliances in the serpentine corridors of his high school. (Grades 7-9)

## **Alice in Zombieland [Series]**

by Gena Showalter (YA Showalter)

White Rabbit Chronicles Series. To avenge the death of her parents and sister Ali must learn to fight the undead, and to survive she must learn to trust the baddest of the bad boys, Cole Holland. But Cole has his own secrets, which might just prove to be more dangerous than the zombies. (Grades 8+)

## **This is Not a Test**

by Courtney Summers (YA Summers)

Sloane Price is barricaded in Cortège High with five other teens while zombies try to get in. She observes her fellow captives become more unpredictable and violent as time passes although they each have much more reason to live than she has. (Grades 10+)